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Message:
Hello,

I would like to express my dissatisfaction with gerrymandering across the US and in Texas. When either party draws congressional districts to their advantage, the strength of our representative democracy is diminished and legislators become less accountable to their constituents. All votes should be counted equally and have equal force in determining the make up of our state and federal governments. If Texas uses statistical gerrymandering to further entrench one party, constituents in both parties lose through less accountability-- a party that statistically cannot lose is a step towards tyranny.

For these reasons, I would like to see Texas adopt a nonpartisan commission for redistricting. Through the use of statistical software, a nonpartisan redistricting is possible. The system adopted in Colorado seems to be effective in creating a competitive state with a robust democracy and real stakes in elections for both parties. Texas would benefit from a similar system.

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